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...AND ONCE EVERY WEEK SINCE SHE PASSED AWAY...I'VE BEEN COMING HERE TO THE CEMETERY TO PUT FRESH FLOWERS ON YOUR MOTHER'S GRAVE...

MARTHA CLARK KENT

...AND IN ALL THESE *YEARS*, SON, I HAVEN'T *MISSED* A SINGLE VISIT!

CHOKE! IT *PAINS* ME SOMETHING FIERCE TO KEEP UP THIS *PRETENSE* IN FRONT OF CLARK... BUT I HAVE NO *CHOICE!*

THE *GROUND RULES* FOR THIS INCREDIBLE *VISIT* WERE *SPELLED OUT* FOR ME IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS!

I AM *FORBIDDEN* TO LET CLARK KNOW THE *TRUTH* ABOUT MY *VISIT*... ABOUT *HOW* AND *WHY* I'M HERE!

MYSTIFIED, READER? YOU'VE BEEN TOLD THAT *JONATHAN KENT* PASSED AWAY *YEARS* AGO... ONLY DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF *MARTHA KENT*...

THEN HOW HAS HE SEEMINGLY *DEFIED* HIS OWN *DEATH*? *WHY* IS THERE *NO TRACE* OF HIS *GRAVE* ALONGSIDE HIS WIFE'S? AND WHAT ABOUT HIS *ADVANCED AGE*--AS IF *JONATHAN KENT* WERE STILL *ALIVE* AND GROWING OLDER WHILE HIS *SUPER-SON* HAD BEEN *GROWING UP!*

ALL OF THEM MIND-SHATTERING *IMPOSSIBILITIES*--AND YET...

...THERE *IS* A *RATIONAL* EXPLANATION--AS YOU WILL SOON FIND OUT!

AND THANKS AGAIN FOR SHOWING ME THAT *FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE* OF YOURS THIS MORNING! BUT IT'S AWFULLY *BIG* FOR JUST *ONE PERSON*, DON'T YOU THINK?

SPIT IT OUT, DAD! WEREN'T WE ALWAYS ABLE TO *LEVEL* WITH EACH OTHER?

WELL, IT'S JUST-- YOU KNOW... WITH ALL THAT *ROOM*... DOESN'T IT GET A TOUCH *LONELY* AFTER AWHILE... WITHOUT *SOMEONE ELSE* TO *SHARE* IT WITH?

SO *THAT* IS WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!

NEXT STOP--*METROPOLIS*--AND CLARK KENT'S *APARTMENT* AT 344 CLINTON STREET, WHERE A FIGURE OF *RED* AND *BLUE* ZOOMS TOWARD A THIRD-FLOOR WINDOW...

TO TELL THE TRUTH, SON--BY *NOW* I WOULD'VE *EXPECTED* YOU AND *LANA LANG* TO HAVE...

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...WELL... *YOU KNOW* WHAT I MEAN! BACK IN YOUR *HIGH SCHOOL* DAYS, YOU TWO WERE PRACTICALLY *INSEPARABLE!*

THAT WAS *SMALLVILLE*, DAD! I'M NOT THE *SAME PERSON* I WAS BACK THEN... AND NEITHER IS *LANA!*

WE'RE *GOOD FRIENDS* NOW--BUT THAT'S *ALL* WE ARE!

DING DONG

MR. KENT! MR. KENT!

WHY DON'T *YOU* ANSWER IT, PA!

GOT IT! SO YOU CAN MAKE A *SUPER-SPEED* WARDROBE CHANGE, RIGHT?

WELL, WHADYA KNOW! *TWINS*--AND A FETCHING PAIR OF *BEAUTIES* AT THAT!

OH, MY GOODNESS! LOOK HOW *OLD* HE IS!

IT'S *IMPOSSIBLE* FOR HIM TO *BE HERE!*

ER... *DAD*... THESE ARE TWO OF MY NEIGHBORS, THE *MARIGOLD* TWINS, *APRIL* AND *MAY!*

GIRLS, THIS IS MY *DAD*--HE'S IN FROM *SMALLVILLE* FOR A VISIT!

WHAT DID YOU MEAN, CHILD--ABOUT IT BEING *IMPOSSIBLE* FOR ME TO BE HERE?

YOU TWO *HAVEN'T HEARD* YET? *WHERE* HAVE YOU BEEN? IT'S BEEN GETTING FULL COVERAGE ON *TV* AND *RADIO!* LISTEN--

...AND THOUGH SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S FINEST *SCIENTIFIC MINDS* ARE HERE AT OUR LOCAL *S.T.A.R. LABORATORIES*...

LOOK AT THAT, SON -- IT'S *LANA!*

SHH, PA -- SHE MUST BE FILLING IN FOR *JEB ROLLAND*, THE VETERAN *WGBS* MORNING NEWSCASTER!

...NONE OF THE *YOUNGER* RESIDENT GENIUSES WHO ARE *LEFT* CAN OFFER ANY PLAUSIBLE *EXPLANATION* FOR WHAT'S *HAPPENED* IN *METROPOLIS!*

AS *FAR-FETCHED* AS IT SOUNDS...

...EVERY ABLE-BODIED PERSON *OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE* HAS LEFT *METROPOLIS!*

YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN, MR. KENT?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR? DO YOU... ER... FEEL ANY *URGE* TO LEAVE?

NEVER FELT *BETTER--!*

APRIL AND I ARE GOING TO CHECK OUT THE OTHER *TENANTS*...

KEEP YOUR DOOR LOCKED, MR. KENT! MAYBE YOU WON'T BE *ABLE* TO LEAVE ...EVEN IF YOU *WANT* TO!

AND AS SOON AS THE *SENIOR KENT* LOCKS THE DOOR AFTER THE DEPARTING MARIGOLD TWINS...

I COULD TELL YOU WERE *ITCHING* TO GO INTO *ACTION*, SON! *THIS* IS A JOB FOR *SUPERBO--ER, SUPERMAN* IF I EVER HEARD ONE!

IF THIS *OVER-30 EXODUS* IS *TRUE* -- WE'LL HAVE TO DETERMINE WHY *YOU* WEREN'T AFFECTED!

I AGREE, SON! PERHAPS MY *IMMUNITY* MAY PROVIDE A *CLUE* FOR DEALING WITH THIS CRISIS!

THERE'S ONLY *ONE REASON* POSSIBLE WHY I'M *IMMUNE* TO WHAT-EVER STRANGE FORCE HAS GRIPPED THE OTHERS!

BUT I COULDN'T *DARE* MENTION IT TO CLARK!

I GAVE MY *WORD!*

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I SEE... I BELIEVE... BUT I DON'T *UNDERSTAND!*

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF *BED-RIDDEN* OVER-*30 PATIENTS* LAID UP IN HOSPITALS--

--*METROPOLIS* HAS BEEN COMPLETELY *ROBBED* OF ITS "*OLDER*" *GENERATION!*

AND AFTER A SPLIT-SECOND FLIGHT OUTSIDE THE *CITY LIMITS*...

THERE THEY ARE... *THOUSANDS* UPON *THOUSANDS*...!

THEY LOOK LIKE *LOST SOULS*... WITH NOWHERE TO GO!

WELCOME TO METROPOLIS CITY LIMITS

PERRY WHITE... *MORGAN EDGE*... *STEVE LOMBARD*...! I *KNEW* I'D FIND SOME *FAMILIAR FACES* IN THIS CONFUSION!

AT LAST, *SUPERMAN!* I TOLD EVERYONE YOU'D SHOW UP HERE!

IT'S TIME YOU PUT A STOP TO THIS *NONSENSE!*

YOU'VE GOT THE *BALL* NOW, *SUPES*-- WIN ONE FOR *GALAXY!*

BUT THE *ANSWERS* THE *ACTION ACE* RECEIVES ARE EVEN MORE *PUZZLING* THAN THE *QUESTIONS*...

...AND THAT'S THE WAY IT HAPPENED! ONE MINUTE WE WERE ALL GOING ABOUT OUR DAILY ROUTINES--

--AND THE *NEXT* MINUTE, WE FOUND OURSELVES OUTSIDE METROPOLIS-- *OFF-LIMITS!*

AND AS HARD AS WE TRY TO *GO BACK*-- SOMETHING *STOPS* US COLD AT THE *CITY-LINE!*

IT COULD BE A *FORCE-FIELD* HOLDING YOU BACK--

OH, IT'S *BETTER* THAN A *FORCE-FIELD*, SUPERMAN--

... MUCH BETTER! I CALL IT "PLEASE-POWER"!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! A VOICE OUT OF THIN AIR!

I KNOW THAT VOICE...!

UHH... WHAT'S THAT STRANGE TUG I FEEL--?

THE NEXT ASTOUNDING INSTANT...

THE METROPOLIS SEWER-SYSTEM?! HOW DID I GET HERE--?

BY PLEASE-POWER, OF COURSE! I WANTED TO SHOW YOU I'VE GOT A SUPER-POWER YOU DON'T HAVE!

STARSHINE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AGAIN!

SO YOU COULD GET EVEN FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU WHEN WE FIRST MET*--?

* This encounter took place last issue! --Julie

THAT WILL COME LATER! FIRST--ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVER-30 EXODUS OUT OF METROPOLIS?

HEYYY-- HANDS OFF THE THREADS! LET'S HAVE A LITTLE RESPECT HERE!

NO--MAKE THAT A LOT OF RESPECT...

...PLEASE!

SOMETHING FORCING ME TO LET GO OF HIM!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE GROUNDED, SUPERMAN! BETTER CUT YOURSELF SOME SLACK!

THERE! THAT DEMO SHOULD PROVE YOU'RE AS HELPLESS AGAINST MY PLEASE-POWER AS THE REST OF THE WORLD!

I HATE TO ADMIT IT... BUT THIS "STARSHINE" ISN'T JUST TALKING THROUGH HIS PONCHO!

SOMEHOW HE'S GAINED THE POWER TO ENFORCE HIS WILL ON ANYONE--

--MERELY BY SAYING THE WORD PLEASE!

THIS MUST BE HIS IDEA OF "RESPECT"--COMPELLING ME TO BOW DOWN AT HIS FEET!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT AS A MENTAL ELEVENTH MAN CALLS FROM THE WINDOW OF HIS SUPER-SON'S APARTMENT...

JONATHAN KENT! IT IS VITAL FOR US TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AT ONCE!

GREAT JEHOSHAPHAT! NOT THEM-- NOT NOW! IT'S WAY TOO SOON FOR THEM TO BE HERE!

NOT ONLY IS PA KENT [illegible] BY HIS LATEST, UNEXPECTED VISITORS -- HE SEEMS DOWNRIGHT ANNOYED!

YOU PROMISED ME A FULL 30 HOURS IN THIS TIME-PERIOD -- THAT MEANS I'VE GOT TILL 6 O'CLOCK TONIGHT!

WE SHALL NOT GO BACK ON OUR PROMISE TO YOU, JONATHAN!

WE ARE HERE TO ALERT YOU TO A POSSIBLE CATASTROPHE ...AND TO WARN YOU NOT TO INTERFERE!

AS JONATHAN KENT HEEDS THE *TELEPATHIC VOICE* BEAMING INTO HIS HEAD -- HE CANNOT HELP BUT RECALL HIS *FIRST ENCOUNTER* WITH THE *ALIENS* STANDING BEFORE HIM

[illegible]

FOR HELPING US AND COMING TO OUR AID, EARTHMAN, WE ARE GOING TO FULFILL YOUR FONDEST DESIRE--

--A SUBCONSCIOUS DESIRE YOU ARE NOT EVEN AWARE OF!

[illegible]

TO MAKE THIS DEEP *DESIRE* A *REALITY* WOULD BE DEEMED UTTERLY *IMPOSSIBLE* BY YOUR MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTISTS-- BUT *NOT* BY *US*!

ONE DAY SOON, WE SHALL *RETURN* TO EARTH TO CARRY OUT OUR *PROMISE*!

AND THE FACT THAT I'M *HERE*-- IN THIS YEAR OF *1980*-- PROVES IT! BUT WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A *CATASTROPHE*?

IF YOU WILL RECALL, JONATHAN...

...YOU *MATERIALIZED* IN *METROPOLIS* IN AN ISOLATED AREA CHOSEN BY *US* THAT WOULD BE FREE OF TROUBLESOME *WITNESSES*!

"BUT EVEN *WE* COULD NOT FORESEE EVERY CONTINGENCY.!

THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO BEG FOR *HANDOUTS*, YOU NO-GOOD *HIPPIE*!

OOOFFF!

HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT DUDE WAS A *MUGGER*? BES DUDE, I SAID *PLEASE*!

I CAN STILL REMEMBER MOM TELLING ME OVER AND OVER THAT *PLEASE* WAS A "*MAGIC WORD*" ... THAT I'D GET *WHATEVER* I WANTED JUST BY SAYING *PLEASE*!

SO FAR IT HASN'T WORKED...

I'LL GIVE IT JUST ONE *MORE CHANCE*..

:SNIFF: WHAT'S *THIS* I'VE WALKED INTO HERE-- A CLOUD OF *ORANGE* SMOG? *FAR OUT*!

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BUT SHOULD YOU ATTEMPT DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIM TO ASSIST YOUR SON--

--BOTH YOUR DESIRES WILL INSTANTLY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT!

[illegible] BY YOUR WARNING... BUT I NEED TO KNOW THE SITUATION!

A REASONABLE REQUEST!

GRANT ME THE POWER TO SEE MY SON IN ACTION--

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND CONCENTRATE ON SUPERMAN!

YOU WILL SEE HIM IN YOUR MIND'S EYE... YOU WILL EVEN KNOW HIS THOUGHTS!

YES! I SEE HIM FROM AFAR...

BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG! HE'S INJURED... BADLY HURTING!

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND — HOW COULD ANYTHING OR ANYONE [illegible] MY [illegible] LOVELY... [illegible]!

"I'M READING HIS THOUGHTS! I [illegible] TO MAKE IT BACK TO MY APART-MENT... BUT I CAN'T! TOO WEAK!

"FEELINGS... JUST HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT TO REACH LOIS'S PLACE...

LOIS'S PLACE? WHERE'S THAT?

WAIT -- I RECALL SOMETHING -- AS THOUGH CLARK *REALLY* HAD BEEN WRITING TO ME ALL THESE YEARS!

YES... LOIS LANE!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER AFTER A HURRIED TRIP TO AN APARTMENT BUILDING AT 3118 OAK HILL...

YES. WHO IS IT?

JONATHAN KENT! I MUST SPEAK WITH YOU!

YES... YOU'RE CLARK KENT'S *FATHER* FROM *SMALLVILLE!* I *RECOGNIZE* YOU FROM PHOTOGRAPHS CLARK'S SHOWN ME!

I *KNOW*-- RIGHT NOW YOU'RE *BUSY* TAKING CARE OF A *SICK FRIEND!*

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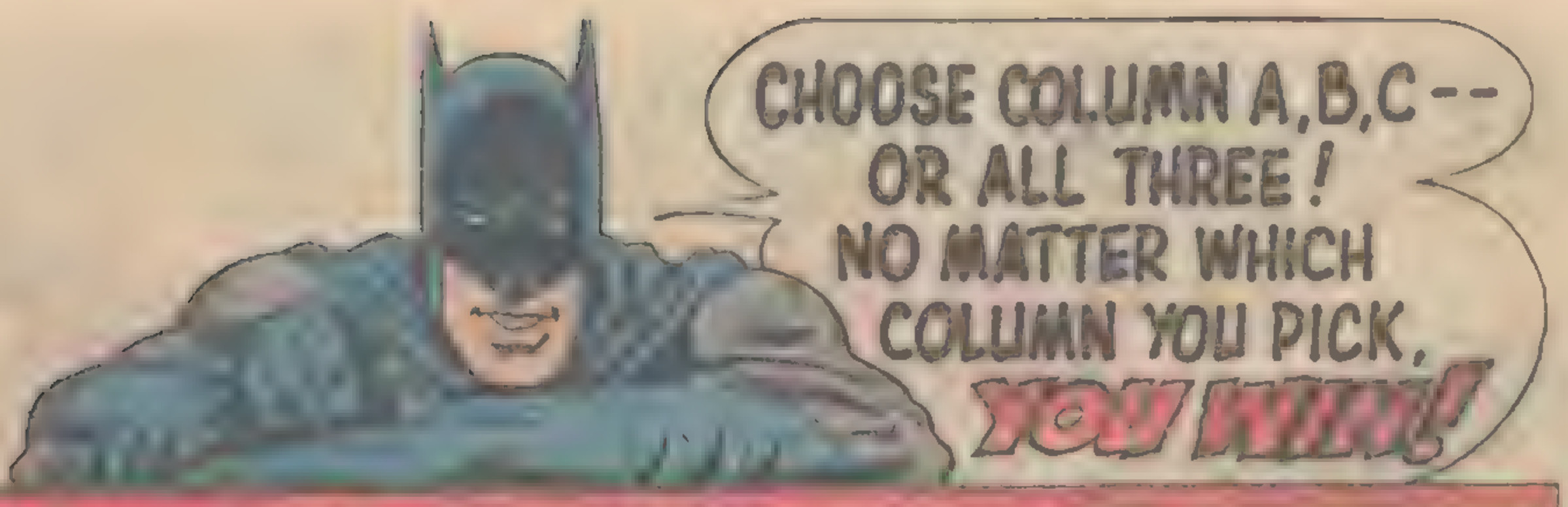

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HAS HE SAID WHO DID THIS TO HIM--?

UHHH...

N-NO ..HE'S BEEN TOO *DELIRIOUS*! I DON'T THINK HE EVEN KNOWS WE'RE *HERE*!

BUT I *DO* THINK *YOU* HAVE SOME *EXPLAINING* TO DO, MR. KENT!

HUSH, CHILD! HE'S COMING AROUND...

UHHH... *STARSHINE*! HIS POWERS MUST BE *MAGICAL*... OR *SUPER-ADVANCED* EVEN BY *MY* STANDARDS!

ONLY EXPLANATIONS I CAN THINK OF...

...TO *RATIONALIZE* WHAT HAPPENED TO *HIM*!

ALL MY LIFE... STARTING WITH MY *OLD LADY*... I'VE GOTTEN NOTHING BUT *HASSLES* FROM THE *OLDER GENERATION*!

THAT'S WHY I USED MY *PLEASE-POWER* TO MAKE *ALL* OF 'EM *BLOW* THIS TOWN, TAKING THEIR ESTABLISHMENT *HANG-UPS* WITH 'EM!

SINCE YOU'RE NOT OVER SO *SUPER-DADDY*, YET I CAN STILL BE *ONE* OF US ...*IF* YOU GET SOME *SMARTS* AND LEARN TO *MELLOW-OUT* LIKE THE REST OF US!

BUT JUST TO MAKE *SURE* YOU GET MY DRIFT *LOUD* AND *CLEAR*... ONE LAST *SPECIAL REQUEST*!

YOU'RE GOING TO TEACH *YOURSELF A LESSON, MAN OF KRYPTON!*

I WANT YOU TO *TAKE OFF* AND *THINK* ABOUT WHAT I SAID... WHILE YOU'RE *PUNCHING YOURSELF* TILL YOU'RE *BLACK* AND *BLUE*!

PLEASE!

:OFFF!: :UHHH!: EVEN I'M NOT INVULNERABLE TO THE FORCE OF MY OWN SUPER-PUNCHES!

CAN ALREADY FEEL THE BRUISES...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE INJURIES, SON! REMEMBER YOUR SUPER-- RECUPERATIVE POWERS! ALL YOUR BRUISES WILL HEAL THEMSELVES IN A FEW MORE MINUTES!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE .. IN LOIS'S APARTMENT? YOU WOULDN'T RISK TALKING TO ME THAT WAY UNLESS SHE WERE GONE...!

ON THE CONTRARY, SON--LOIS IS RIGHT HERE!

Y-YOU CALLED HIM SON... TWICE! BUT IF- IF YOU'RE HIS FATHER THAT CAN ONLY MEAN...

GREAT KRYPTON!

SUPERMAN IS --AND ALWAYS WAS--CLARK KENT!

THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP, LOIS! HE MAY BE A MAN OF STEEL TO THE WORLD.. BUT TO ME HE'LL ALWAYS BE MY BOY!

AHH, PA? AFTER ALL THE TIMES YOU HELPED ME PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY...

...WHY??

CLARK... I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I DID TODAY!

ALL I CAN ASK YOU TO DO IS NOT TO LOSE FAITH IN ME... AND TRUST ME!

BESIDES--I'VE BEGUN TO REALIZE LOIS IS AN EXTRA-ORDINARY YOUNG LADY!

I SAW THE WAY SHE RUSHED TO YOUR SIDE AND TENDERLY CARED FOR YOU WHEN YOU COLLAPSED!

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BECAUSE OF MY *BLUNDER*, YOU TWO FEEL AWKWARD AND UNEASY AROUND EACH OTHER RIGHT NOW... BUT THAT'LL SOON *PASS*!

I MAY BE AN *OLD MAN*, BUT I'M STILL *SHARP* ENOUGH TO SEE THERE'S A LOT *MORE* BETWEEN YOU TWO THAN MEETS THE EYE!

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T *TRUST* YOU, LOIS ... BUT THIS IS ALL SO *SUDDEN*! I'M GOING TO NEED *TIME* TO SORT THINGS OUT!

I UNDERSTAND, CLAR--ER... *SUPERMAN*! I'M KIND OF *OFF-BALANCE* MYSELF RIGHT NOW!

I'VE STILL GOT A JOB TO DO--A *MENACE* TO DEAL WITH... AND A WHOLE *CITY* THAT HAS TO BE RETURNED TO *NORMAL*!

WE'LL TALK *LATER*, LOIS!

BE *CAREFUL*, DARLING...

...AND GOOD LUCK, SON!

AND AFTER THE *WHOOSH* OF THE DEPARTING *ACTION ACE* FADES AWAY...

I THINK HE'S REALLY *PEEVED*, MR. KENT! HE DELIBERATELY *SNUBBED* YOU ON HIS WAY OUT!

ALL IN ALL, YOU TOOK THE *REVELATION* VERY WELL, LOIS! YOU'RE A LOT LIKE MY *MARTHA* WAS.. *UNFLAPPABLE*!

YOU'RE SWEET, MR. KENT! BUT *THINK* ABOUT IT--

..FOR ALL *YOU* KNOW, MAYBE I HAD *ALREADY* FIGURED OUT FOR *MYSELF* THAT CLARK WAS *SUPERMAN*...

...AND I'VE JUST BEEN *SMART* ENOUGH NOT TO *LET ON*!

WELL, I'LL BE SWITCHED! *BEAUTY AND BRAINS*.. WITH AN *OUTSTANDING* SENSE OF HUMOR TO BOOT!

ER...YOU *WERE* ONLY *JOSHING*... RIGHT?

NOW THAT WOULD BE *TELLING*, WOULDN'T IT? ANYWAY-- I'M SO *GLAD* I FINALLY *MET* YOU!

SAME HERE! OKAY, I'M MYSTERIOUS IF YOU LIKE! SOMEDAY YOU AND MY BOY WILL MAKE A *PERFECT MATCH*!

AT THAT MOMENT, ON A HIGH PEAK IN ANOTHER GALAXY...

HEDE NO SUPEG! HOPE THERES NO HARD FEELINGS ABOUT OUR LITTLE RUN-IN! LET'S BE BUDDIES-- WHADDYA SAY?

YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH, STARSHINE!

I EVEN BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT AS A PEACE-OFFERING!

HEY, I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYTHING LIKE THIS! YOU'RE SURE FULLA SURPRISES!

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT...

...BUT FOR YOU, SAYING ANYTHING'S GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE--

...ONCE MY REMOTE-CONTROL MUZZLE LOCKS INTO PLACE!

MMMMFF! UNNNG!

STOP MUMBLING, STARSHINE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY!

NOW LISTEN TO ME: ONLY MY SUPER-STRENGTH CAN BREAK THOSE MUZZLE-STRAPS FOR YOU!

BUT FIRST-- YOU AND I MUST COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING! CAN YOU DIG WHERE I'M COMING FROM, MAN?

MMMMFF! UNNN!

HMMMM! HMMMM!

I GATHER THAT'S A *YES!* I HAD A FEELING YOU'D START *SEEING* THINGS IN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE!

OOOOMM!

THERE! NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A NEW *SLANT* ON EVERYTHING -- ONE LAST ORDER OF BUSINESS AND YOUR *REHABILITATION* WILL BE COMPLETE!

YOUR *PEACE MEDALLION* SHOULD BE JUST WHAT I NEED TO FINISH THE JOB!

I'M SUBJECTING YOU TO *SUPER-HYPNOTISM, STARSHINE!*

OBJECT: TO COMPEL YOU TO *OBEY ME!*

WHEN I REMOVE THE MUZZLE, YOU WILL SHOUT A *FINAL 'PLEASE'* -- TO INSTANTLY *RETURN* ALL THE *OVER-30* CITIZENS BACK TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACES IN *METROPOLIS!*

AND AFTER YOU'VE UNDONE ALL THE *DAMAGE* YOU CAUSED YOU'LL VOW *NEVER* TO USE *PLEASE-POWER* AGAIN!

CLOSE YOUR EYES ONCE IF YOU *UNDERSTAND* AND *OBEY!*

5:59 P.M., — THE WGBS-TV STUDIOS...

STILL UP TO YOUR LAST-MINUTE APPEARANCES, CLARK -- ? ONE OF THESE DAYS IT'S REALLY GOING TO BE A NO-SHOW!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, LANA! I'VE BEEN TERRIBLY BUSY THIS AFTERNOON!

CAN'T TELL HER I SPENT HOURS SEARCHING METROPOLIS WITHOUT FINDING A TRACE OF PA KENT!

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S BEEN BUSY! WHEN YOU READ YOUR SCRIPT, YOU'LL FIND OUT SUPERMAN DEFEATED STARSHINE AND THAT EVERYONE OVER THIRTY IS BACK HOME!

WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR DAD!

OH, BEFORE I FORGET-- YOUR FATHER STOPPED BY THIS AFTERNOON AND LEFT THIS NOTE FOR YOU! HE SAID HE WAS SORRY HE COULDN'T STAY LONGER!

GREAT SCOTT! I NEVER THOUGHT OF LOOKING FOR HIM HERE!

"DEAR SON-- HOPE YOU'RE NOT STILL PEEVED AT ME FOR TELLING YOUR SECRET TO LOIS! VERY SOON IT MAY NOT MATTER AS MUCH AS YOU THINK!

"ANYWAY, I'LL BE BACK IN SMALLVILLE BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS! WHY DON'T YOU DROP IN FOR A RETURN VISIT AFTER YOUR NEWSCAST?

"ALL MY LOVE -- PA."

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NOW WHAT?! PA KENT'S NOTE IS DISAPPEARING RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!

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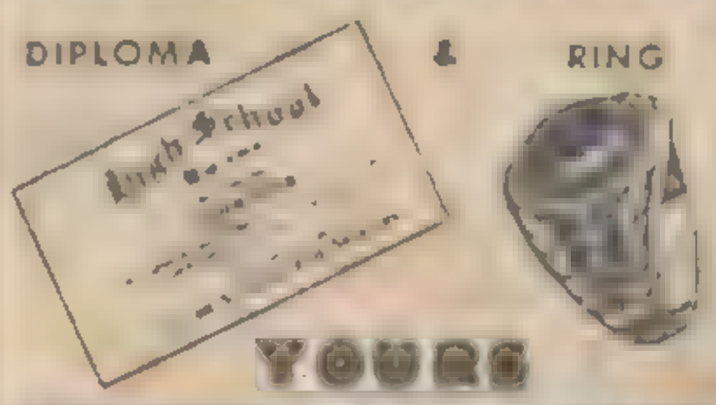

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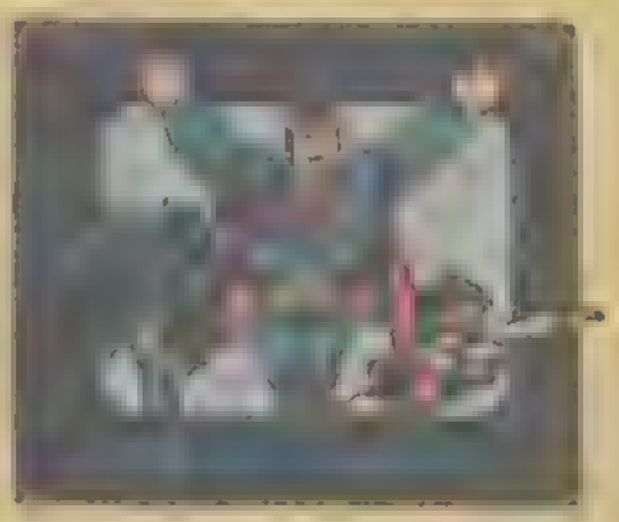

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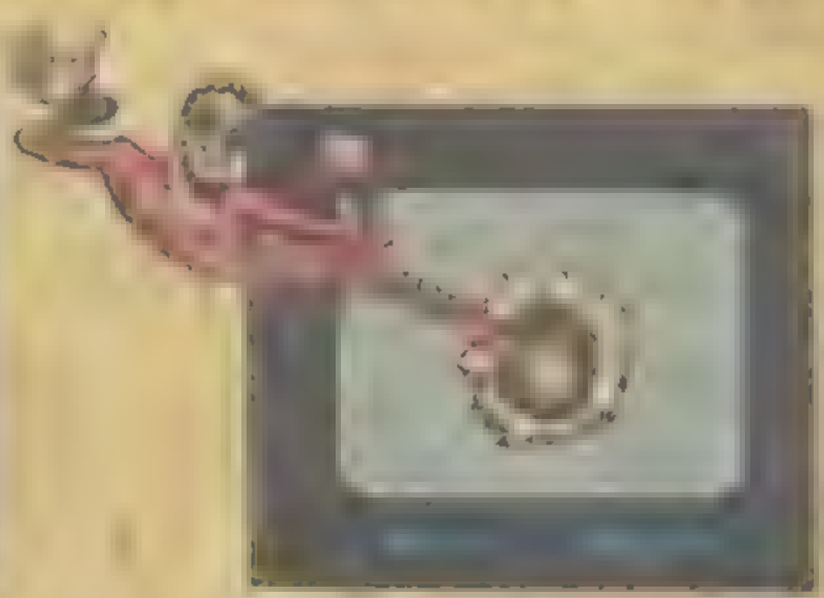

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AT THAT VERY INSTANT -- IT'S IN THE SKY ABOVE...

REST ASSURED, JONATHAN KENT! AS WE ORIGINALLY PROMISED, NO ONE ON EARTH WILL RECALL ANY OF THE EVENTS OF THE PAST 30 HOURS-- INCLUDING YOUR SUPER-SON!

AS FAR AS EARTH IS CONCERNED--YOUR "DAY" IN METROPOLIS NEVER HAPPENED!

IN EFFECT WE "FROZE TIME"... IN ORDER TO FULFILL YOUR FONDEST DESIRE WITHOUT UPSETTING THE BALANCE OF THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM!

YES... YOU MORE THAN SATISFIED IT-- BY GIVING ME A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING I THOUGHT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE--

--MY SON'S FUTURE AS AN ADULT!

NOW I KNOW HE'S BECOME EVERY BIT THE SUPERMAN MARTHA AND I HOPED HE'D BE! THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS!

AS YOU EARTHLINGS SAY--IT WAS OUR PLEASURE!

AND A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THE WRAP-UP OF THE [illegible] REPORT FOR MARCH 6TH...

STUDIO

I'M MEETING LOIS FOR DINNER AT MARCELS... BUT WE COULD MAKE IT A TABLE FOR THREE! CARE TO JOIN US, LUV?

ER... SORRY, LANA! I HAVE A PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT!

ONLY I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS!

[illegible]

HEY, MAN-- CAN YOU DO A GUY A FAVOR AND SPARE SOME CHANGE... PLEASE?

GREAT KRYPTON... IT'S COMING BACK TO ME... MY "APPOINTMENT"--

[illegible]

ODD... I DON'T KNOW WHY I HAD THIS SUDDEN URGE TO VISIT MY FOSTER-PARENTS ...BUT SOMEHOW I FEEL CLOSER TO THEM THAN I'VE FELT IN YEARS...

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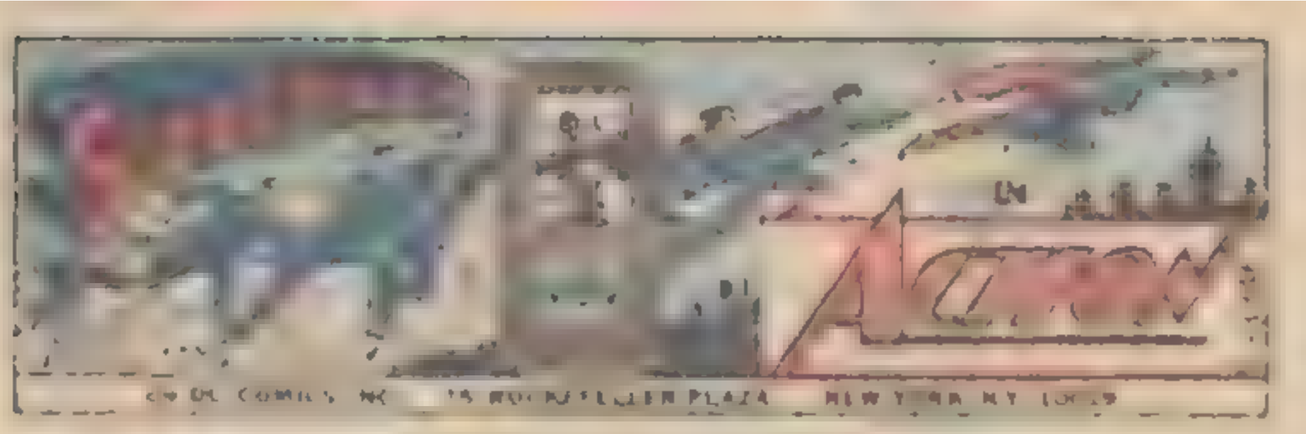

Dear Editor:

It's true. No one appreciates Cary Bates. Everyone flatters O'Neil and Wein and Pasko. But every month, Cary gets a little pat on the back. End of praise. Fact is, Cary is one of the most original writers DC has. (No, thinking about it, I'd say *the* most original writer.)

"A Save In Time" (*ACTION* #503) is a good example. It touches on new ideas from the very first page straight through the story. The prose on time that started the story, Null-O, his purpose, and the idea of *Superman* interrupting the time-stream. Pret-ty interesting, and a good story, though at times confusing.

Sad to say, Cary may never get his true recognition. He doesn't write blockbusters that stand out in the comics world. He writes good stories, and that's all he wants to do, I think. And he does it well. Thanks, Cary

Kenneth Williams
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If our mail is any indication, there are a good many people who feel as you do about Cary. So do we.—ENB

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Dear Editor:

Well, well—is Cary Bates a closet Lana fan? Is "A Save In Time" his tribute to Lana Lang? Despite the fact that I am reluctant to admit I occasionally admire her, I am forced to say that this story makes excellent use of her remarkable character. She may be capricious, superficial, brittle, and cynical—but she can also be deliciously diverting in a most feminine way. Our Lana is a curious mixture—her cutesy-pie expressions ("byeee!" and "luv" ad nauseum) belie her innate intelligence. She *can* be a shrewd detective. Lana is adept at utilizing those powers of observation in her work.

Unfortunately, she'll never be a complete professional, in my eyes, because she can't control her natural tendency towards flamboyance. In other words, she's always got her motor mouth in gear! However, on those occasions when she uses her talent in that area *appropriately* (I refer to the scathingly funny remarks to Kolzer upon her exit), she can be almost—fascinating. Lana has the same eye for detail that Lois has—but where Lois tends to be open and direct, Lana prefers to work deviously beneath the surface. Lois would probably lose in a backbiting contest, simply because Lana has the more practiced tongue. But Lois's natural wits emerging lately and it gives her an attractive edge.

Now that Lana has announced she and *Superman* are pursuing divergent life goals, I'm able to heave a great sigh of relief. Now I can relax and enjoy her. Oh, Lana can still be a rival for his *attention*, but not his *affection*. That's one bit of tension I won't miss

A minor point, in view of my enthusiasm for the entire story, is the fact that Lois ceases to exist when Lana is the emphasis of the plot. Perhaps they're both such strong characters that neither can act as supporting character for the other. Still, I can't quibble, because the end result was an intriguing idea well-presented.

I especially liked the idea of *Superman* having interrupted the time stream. In light of his inability to change the past, this was a bit of irony—he had inadvertently changed the future. The fact that the creature from the future was a dead ringer for a vacuum cleaner was slightly ludicrous, but the premise overcame that, with plausible dialogue and interesting plotting. After all, the creature had to have some sort of tangible form—who's to say a vacuum cleaner isn't rather appropriate?

I'm a little surprised that Lana reacted to Kolzer's death with tears on camera—even off! I'm so accustomed to her blase attitude towards life, I expected her to mask her vulnerability, if she has any. Lana's becoming more human, but not impossibly so. Good.

Swan and Chiaramonte—nice rainbows! Seriously, though, *Superman* has never looked better than when this team is at work!

Tamsyn O'Flynn
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So you think maybe there is some good in everyone, after all—even someone you've despised! And after reading your letter—Lana said the same thing!—ENB

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Editor:

In ACTION 503, Lana starts her live news report at 6:44 P.M. Minutes later, the staff watches her on a monitor beneath a clock that reads 6:05. Certainly a TV newsroom wouldn't have an erroneous clock, so what's the explanation?

Steve Thompson
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An erroneous artist, plus the fact that none of us who proofread the story had a brain that wasn't running a little slow —ENB

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Dear Sir:

ACTION is not "the first comic to reach the magic number 500." In the U.S.A., where comics, with rare exceptions, appear monthly, it may well be so, but in England, great numbers of *weekly* comics have achieved even *three times* that many issues

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We'll admit we're not up on all foreign comics, so you are undoubtedly right. Now let's put the matter at rest, and hope there isn't some country where they're published daily! *(Newspaper comics don't count!)—ENB*

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Dear Editor:

Ho-hum. Another issue of *ACTION* and still another Cary Bates delight. So what else is new? This time around, Cary dealt with one of the old "rules" of the *Superman* mythos—that history or destiny cannot be altered, no matter how hard *Superman* has tried. Here the rule was bent through the idea of the splintering of the time stream, and ironically, *Superman* suddenly was able to alter destiny with ease.

Naturally, *Superman* had to correct this error by request of some vacuum-like entity. The urgency of this mission and the fact it seemed almost futile made "A Save in Time" genuinely exciting. While *Superman* continued his quest, Cary seemingly distracted the reader with the Lana Lang-Kolzer plot. This seemed almost pointless, despite the fact we knew it had to have some connection with the real crisis. Another irony was that *Superman* stumbled upon the "catastrophe" with remarkable ease, since he's always keeping one eye on the antics of Miss Lang. Her near-death being the catastrophe was quite a surprise and certainly added new importance to Lana

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Isn't a new Cary Bates masterpiece enough for you? You need something else new as well?—E. Nelson Bridwell

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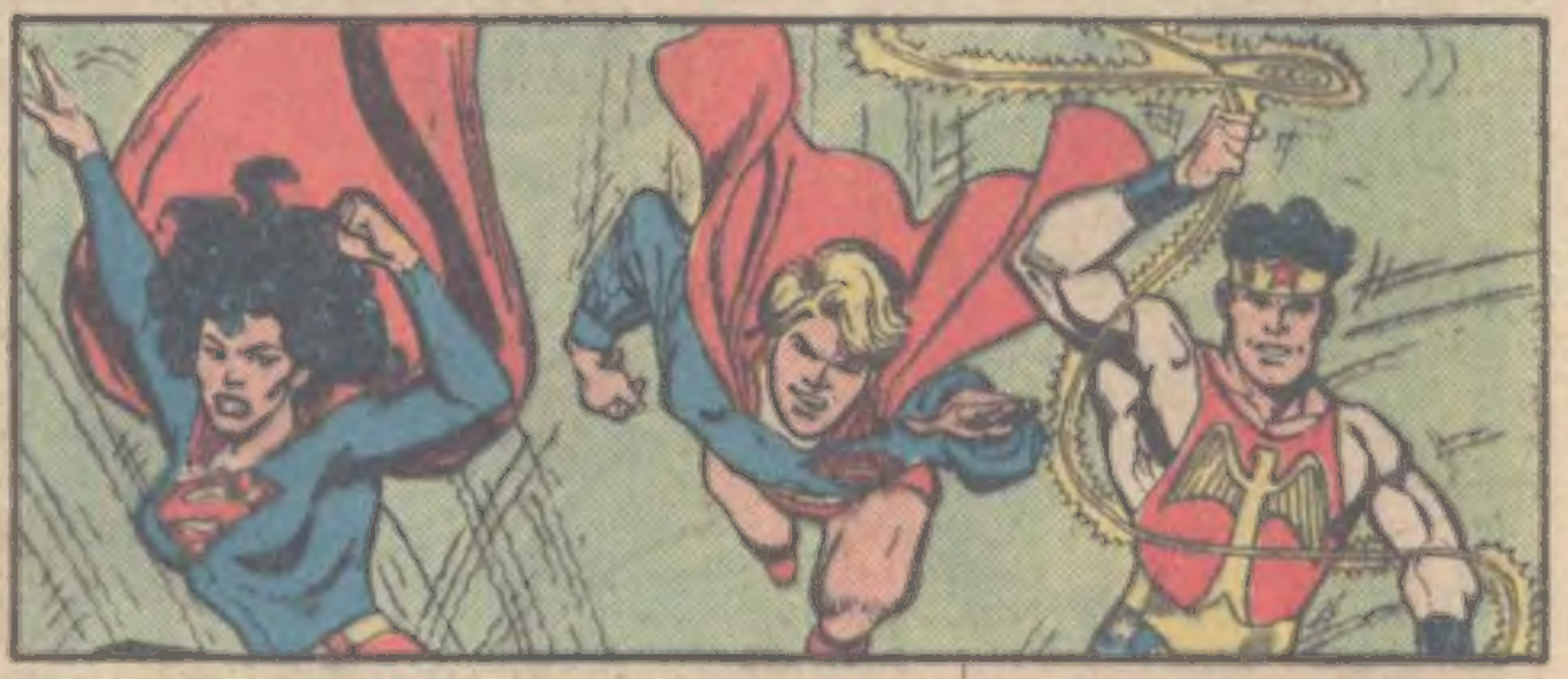
IS THE WORLD CRAZY?

METROPOLIS HAS CLARA KENT, LOUIS LANE, SUPERWOMAN AND MORE ODDITIES

(Metropolis)—*Superman* returns from a mission in outer space, changes to Clark Kent and finds he is barred from entering the Daily Planet newsroom. Why? Because according to the security list, he doesn't exist!

But there's more! Penny White is editor of the Planet, which has reporters Louis Lane, Jenny Olsen and Clara Kent working for it. And *Superwoman* patrols the skies over Metropolis! Can *Superman* escape this bizarre world, especially after he is branded an interplanetary criminal by *Superwoman* and is forced to battle members of the *Justice League*...similarly reversed to include *Wonder Warrior, Batwoman, Black Condor* and a female *Flash*?

The startling surprises await you in "The Turnabout Trap" by Martin Pasko, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte when *SUPERMAN* #349 goes on sale the week of April 7th.



DIRECT CURRENTS ®

ON SALE WEEK OF APRIL 7th

JUSTICE LEAGUE #180—*Firestorm* has joined the *JLA*, but can he survive "A Beautiful Evil" in this Gerry Conway/Dick Dillin/Frank McLaughlin thriller?

GHOSTS #90—Sail "The Ghost Galleon" with George Kashdan, Jack Sparling and Vince Colletta; dance with the "Phantom of the Disco" with Kashdan, Charles Nicholas and Colletta; and learn "How to Outwit a Phantom" with Carl Wessler, Sparling and Colletta.

SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #26—Take an "Elevator to Oblivion" with Valerie Owen and Amado Castrillo; ride the "Last Train to Eternity" with George Kashdan, Charles Nicholas and Vince Colletta; and meet "Mikey's Friend" with J.M. DeMatteis, Nicholas and Armando Gil.

WONDER WOMAN #269—The Amazing Amazon chucks it all for a "Return to Paradise Island" by Gerry Conway, Jose Delbo, Wally Wood and Bob Smith.

SUPERMAN FAMILY #202—*Supergirl* faces "The Dynamic Duel" with Jack C. Harris, Win Mortimer and Vince Colletta; *Mr. and Mrs. Superman* meet "The Man Who Discovered Kryptonite" with E. Nelson Bridwell, Kurt Schaffenberger and Joe Giella; Clark Kent must prove a man "Innocent Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" with Bob Rozakis, John Calnan and Frank Chiaramonte; Lois Lane does a "Swan Dance for a Girl Reporter" with Gerry Conway, Bob Oksner and Colletta; and Jimmy Olsen is "The Reporter Nobody Knows" with Conway, Alex Saviuk and Giella.

Q: Why was *Wildfire* called *ERG-1* in *SUPERBOY & THE LEGION* #201?— *A*: Drake Burroughs considered himself an *Energy Release Generator* with his powers.

Q: When did *OUR ARMY AT WAR* #1 appear and who starred in it?—Mike Elrod. *A*: It debuted in August, 1952, but did not star any particular characters.

Q: How can *Superman* breathe underwater?—Danny Staton. *A*: He doesn't have to. *Supes* can hold his breath indefinitely.

Q: Can anyone become a *Green Lantern*?—Aaron Eisenkrantz. *A*: Only someone who is totally without fear.

Q: Who came up with the idea for the *Daily Planet* section in your books?—Robert C. Grombach. *A*: The idea came up in a conversation between Bob Rozakis and Anthony Tollin. Bob put together a dummy issue and sold Sol Harrison and Jenette Kahn on the concept. The rest, as they say, is newspaper history.

Q: How much is *GREEN LANTERN* #100 worth?—Robert Sulcov. *A*: 35¢ in good condition.

VIKING COMMANDO BLASTED INTO FUTURE WAR

(World War II and Beyond)—The *Viking Commando*, who began his fighting career centuries ago, finds himself again blasted through time to a war in the far distant future. What dangers await the heroic Valoric in the "War Without a Name"? Robert Kanigher and George Evans supply the answers when *ALL-OUT WAR* #6 goes on sale the week of April 7th.

And also in this Dollar Comic battle book: The *Black Eagle* joins his "Brothers on a Bull's-Eye" by Kanigher, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal; *Force Three* execute "The Double Death of Adolf Hitler" by Kanigher and Jerry Grandenetti; you'll meet the "Hard-Hat Heroes" with Evan Douglas and Bill Payne; and time ticks on as "Zero Hour is 27 Years Long" by Jan Laurie and Jess Jodloman.

Q: Why do the men of Krypton wear bands around their heads?—Unsigned. *A*: It is a form of formal dress, similar to neckties worn by Earthmen.

Q: Could *Princess Projectra* make someone appear invisible by projecting an illusion of them not being there?—Jim Stribling. *A*: I would guess that she would have to project the same scene minus the person she wanted to make "invisible".

Q: How much is *HAWKMAN* #12 worth?—Jeff Ellis. *A*: 80¢ in good condition.

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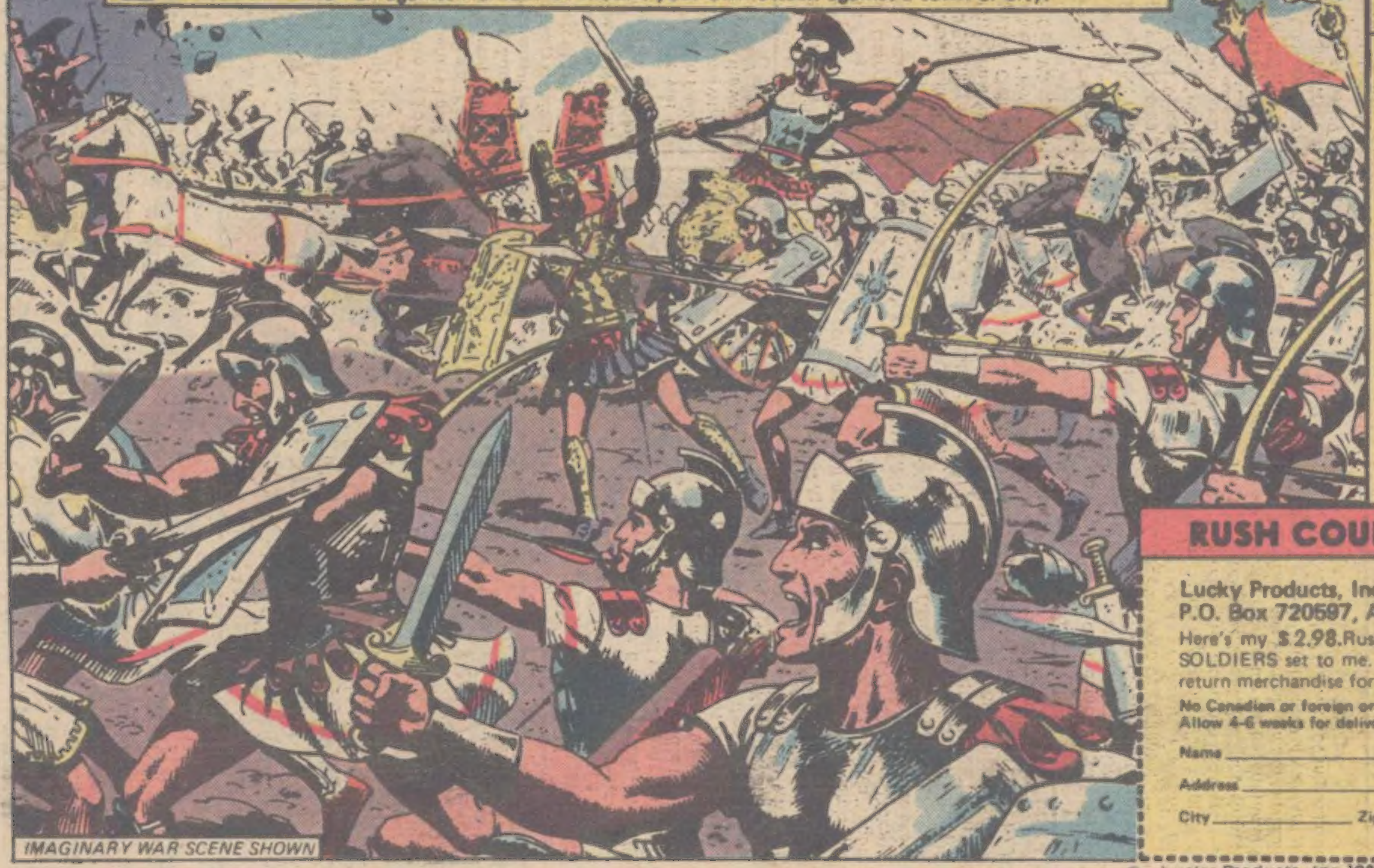

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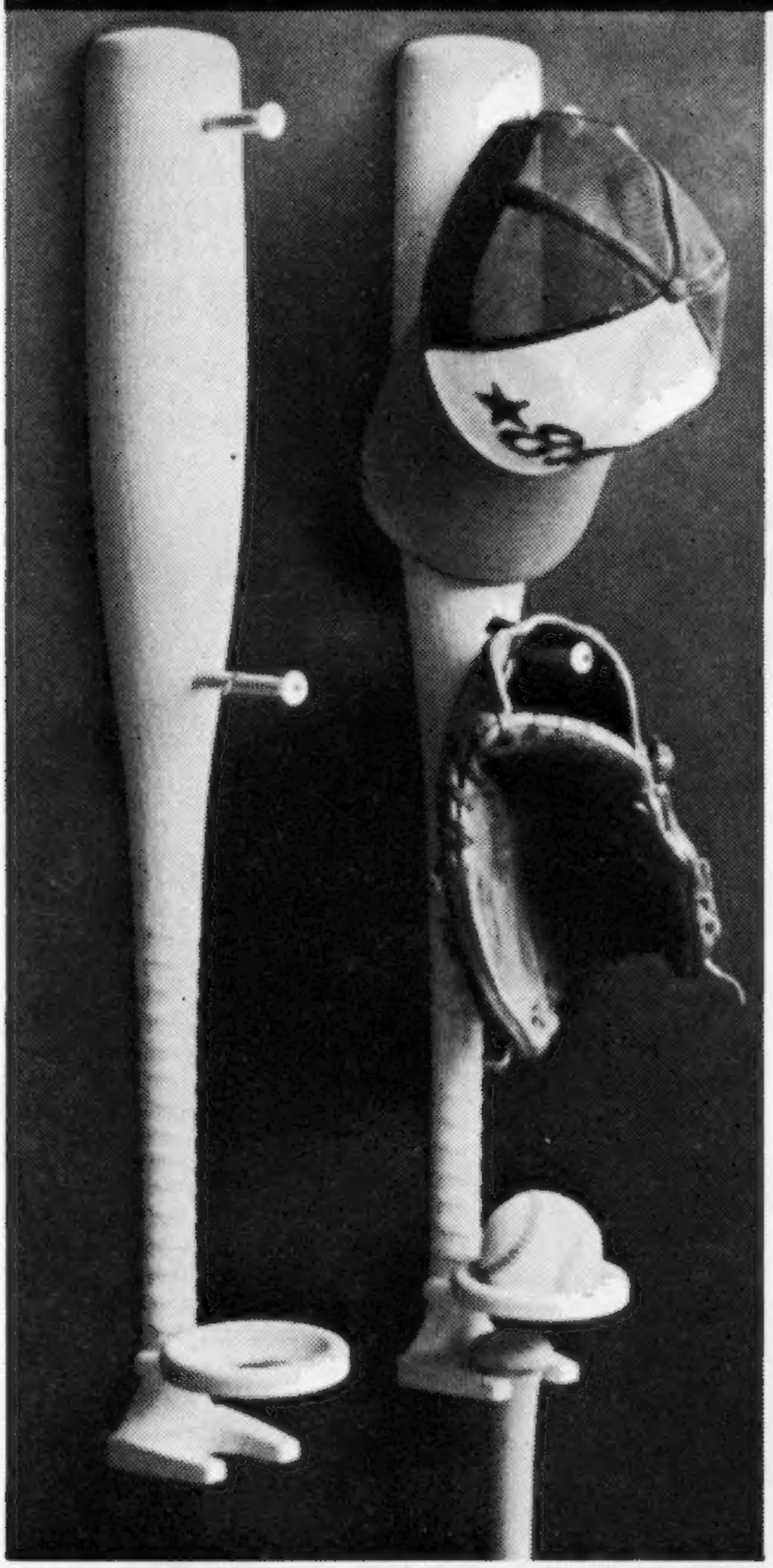

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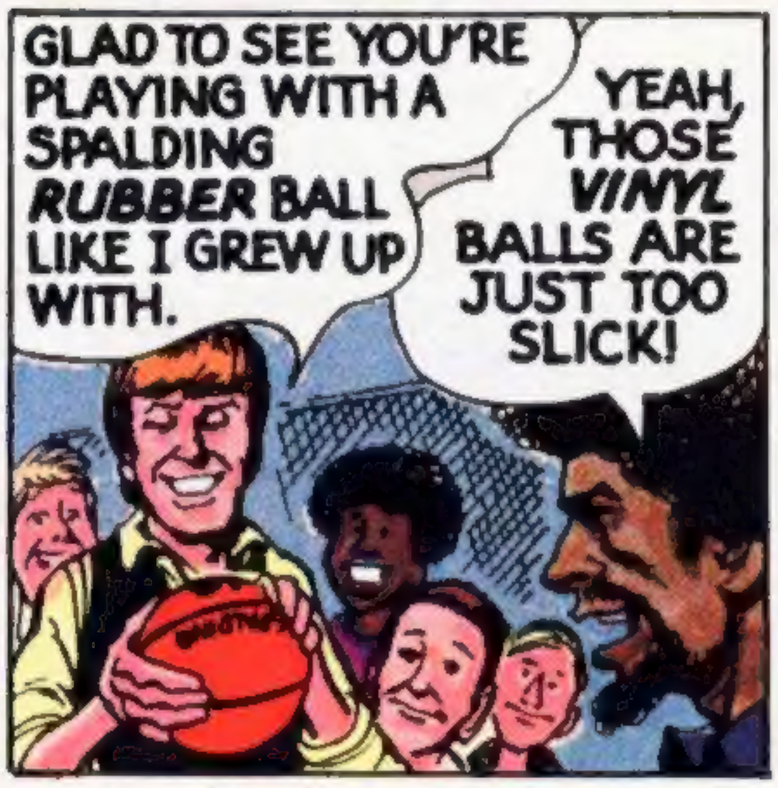

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